Road accidents in Delhi

1740. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Delhi mein Sarak Durghahlayen" appeared in Dainik Jagaran on 7th November, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this behalf;

(c) the steps taken by Government to control the serious situation prevailing in the Capital;

(d) whether Government have received some suggestions in this behalf; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Despite various constraints, Delhi Traffic Police has been able to bring down the number of fatal accidents during the year 2001 (upto 15th November, 2001) when compared to the corresponding period of the preceding year.

(c) to (e) The steps taken by the Government for effective management of traffic include introduction of Area Traffic Control System; synchronisation of traffic signals; improvement of road geometries; construction of speed breakers; provision of street lighting; provision of iron railings on central verges; installation of retro-reflective road signs and thermoplastic road markings; strict enforcement of traffic rules; special drives against drunken driving, reckless driving, red light jumping and over speeding; introduction of conflict free traffic circulation plans; and scientific analysis of road accidents on the basis of a computer based road accident analysis system.

The perspective plan for traffic management in Delhi as prepared by Delhi Police also takes into account the various suggestions received from different quarters from time to time.

Restoration of democratic structure in Manipur

1741. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken up for restoring the democratic structures in the State of Manipur;

(b) whether Government have calculated the cost of properties of the State as well as of individuals lost/damaged in the incident of 18th June, 2001 in Manipur; and

(c) when and how will the losses be compensated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Election to the State Assembly of Manipur are likely to be held alongwith some other States where elections are due in early part of 2002.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Demolition of places of worship

1742. SHRI VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of demolition of places of worship have been reported from various States during last three years; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported along with nature of place of worship and action taken in detail on such incidents during last three years, State-wise, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arrest of terrorists in Maharashtra

1743. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS - be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent arrests of some Members of Lashkar-e-Toyba (LCT) by Maharashtra Police in Mumbai and its surrounding areas;

(b) if so, the details of terrorists arrested;

(c) whether these arrested terrorists have been handed over to Jammu and Kashmir Police; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The information